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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. - 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) A cover for a post extending upwardly from a ground surface, the cover consisting of:

an elongated, ~~generally~~ uniform and smooth cylindrical plastic sleeve having an open, lower end terminating in a non-flared circular edge, and a closed, hemispherically shaped upper end;

the sleeve having a consistent wall thickness including the hemispherically shaped upper end, and an interior diameter in the range of 3 to 8 inches.

9. (Previously Presented) The cover of claim 8, wherein the plastic is polyethylene.

10. (Previously Presented) The cover of claim 8, wherein the plastic is polycarbonate.

11. (Previously Presented) The cover of claim 8, the sleeve further including an agent to provide a durable coloring throughout.

12. (Previously Presented) The cover of claim 8, the sleeve further including an additive to resist ultraviolet deterioration.

13. (Currently Amended) The cover of claim 8, the sleeve further including ~~[[a]]~~ an attached resilient portion near the open lower end.

14. (Previously Presented) The cover of claim 8, wherein the resilient portion is a rubber-like insert.

15. (Canceled)